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FROM SHELTON

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1. REF ARTICLE 352 ACCIDENT.

AND MR

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[REDACTED] TO DISCUSS SALVAGE OPERATIONS. TO THIS POINT NOTHING DEFINITE RESOLVED ON SALVAGE SINCE MAJOR EFFORT RIGHTFULLY PLACED ON PILOT RESCUE.

3. THE FOLLOWING WAS AGREED UPON OR DISCUSSED BY ALL PRESENT:

A. WE PROBABLY HAVE UNDERWATER WRECKAGE FAIRLY WELL PIN-POINTED FROM EYE WITNESS REPORTS FROM THE SHORE NEAR BY. ASSUMING NO DRIFT OF ARTICLE I'M FAIRLY CONFIDENT WE WILL FIND SOMETHING WITHIN A TWO TO THREE THOUSAND FOOT CIRCLE. DEPTH OF WATER NOT ESTABLISHED HOWEVER, CURSORY ESTIMATES RANGE FROM THREE TO SIX HUNDRED FEET PLUS DEPENDING ON EXACT DISTANCE FROM SHORE.

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B. TIME IS OF ESSENCE TO GET SOMETHING FIRM UNDERWAY.

[REDACTED] RECOMMENDS COMMERCIAL SALVAGE SINCE WATERS ARE

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GROUP 1
EXCLUDED FROM AUTO-
MATIC DOWNGRADING
AND DECLASSIFICATION

PROBABLY FAMILIAR TO SEAMEN WORKING OUT OF [REDACTED] UNABLE 25X1A

25X1A TO ESTIMATE COST BUT [REDACTED] FEELS EXPENSE WILL BE
VERY REASONABLE ESPECIALLY WITH [REDACTED] MAKING DIRECT CONTACT
ETC. 25X1A

C. WEEKEND SCHEDULES BOTH HQS AND HERE PLUS A [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A [REDACTED] WILL FURTHER SLOW DOWN GETTING FULL
COORDINATION AND A FIRM PLAN ESTABLISHED USING [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A [REDACTED] CAPABILITIES. NO ONE HERE HAS ANY IDEA ON
WHAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE, ACTUAL CAPABILITY OR WHEN EITHER OF
THESE CAPABILITIES COULD COMMENCE OPERATION.

D. AGREED BY ALL THAT WE WOULD PERSUE ALL THREE METHODS

25X1A [REDACTED] AND EMPLOY THE ONE WHICH
CAN EFFECTIVELY DO THE JOB QUICKEST.

25X1A 4. REQUEST [REDACTED] BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO COMMIT FUNDS,
WITHIN REASON, FOR COMMERCIAL SALVAGE [REDACTED] IF THIS STILL 25X1A
LOOKS LIKE THE BEST AND FASTEST METHOD TOMORROW.

5. NOTHING NEW TO REPORT ON SAR TODAY, NOR AM I ABLE TO ADD
TO IDENTIFICATION OF OBJECTS SIGHTED AND REPORTED ON YESTERDAYS
RESULTS. LOOKS LIKE OUR BEST CHANCES HINGE ON SALVAGE AND
ANYTHING THAT MIGHT SURFACE AND WASH ASHORE IN THE FUTURE.

END OF MESSAGE

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